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CHHETRI PLAYS LAST INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Thousands cheered a tearful Sunil Chhetri off the pitch after his last match for India, bringing to a close an international career which put him among the world's all-time leading scorers. He scored 94 goals over a career spanning nearly two decades, behind Cristiano Ronaldo, Iran's retired Ali Daei and Lionel Messi in all-time international scorers' list | P19

Rahul Gandhi addresses a press conference in New Delhi | PTI

Rahul seeks JPC probe into 'stock market scam'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into Prime Minister-elect Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, and Nirmala Sitharaman's role in the "biggest stock market scam" that wiped out retail investors' wealth to the tune of ₹30 lakh crore. Addressing a press conference here, Gandhi asked why Modi, Shah, and Sitharaman made remarks to pump up stock markets. "The PM told the country three times that there would be a stock market boom. The HM asked people to buy stocks before June 4. The FM also gave the same message. This is the first time that the PM commented on the stock markets during elections," Gandhi said.

The Congress MP said the 'fake' exit polls led to massive stock buying on June 3, a day before the counting of votes. When the actual results were way off projections, the markets crashed. "We are convinced this is a scam. Somebody has made crores of rupees at the cost of retail investors. This is a criminal act," he alleged.

Refuting the charges, BJP leader Piyush Goyal said it's the wealthy foreign invetors who bought stocks at high rates while Indians sold and made profits. "The ₹30 lakh crore he is talking about refers to valuation. It's notional and not about trading; he doesn't understand," Goyal said.

Sunday date for Modi to take oath

New govt to consider special financial package for Andhra, Bihar; NDA Parliamentary Party meet today

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

On the UCC, the CM had written to the Law panel. We are not against it. But there should be consultation with all stakeholders

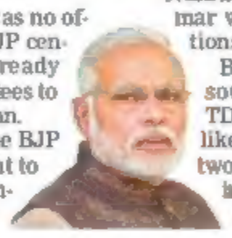
K C Tyagi, JD(U)

No final decision has been taken on the ministry of Railway. But in all likelihood it will remain with the BJP

BJP leader

AMID intense negotiations for Cabinet berths among the NDA partners, it became known that Narendra Modi will take his third consecutive oath as prime minister at a glittering ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan on Sunday. Over 800 guests, including foreign dignitaries, will attend. Apart from Modi, about 25-30 ministers are expected to be sworn in.

Though there was no official word, the BJP central office has already sent its list of invitees to Rashtrapati Bhavan.



Significantly, the BJP leadership is learnt to have agreed in principle on the new government considering the demand for special financial packages for both Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. The demand by the TDP's Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar was part of the negotiations on ministerial berths.

Besides, a senior NDA source indicated that the TDP, which has 16 MPs, is likely to get one Cabinet and two ministers of state (MoS) in the Union ministry. As for the JD(U), it is expected to get one Cabinet and one or two MoS.

As for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker, sources said the BJP will have its own nominee while the Deputy Speaker could be from the TDP. The JD(U) already has the post of vice-chairman in the Rajya Sabha.

The NDA Parliamentary Party meet on Friday is expected to take the final call on quotas for allies in the Union ministry. "The final decision on the portfolios amongst the allies will be taken at Friday's meeting," said a source.

However, key ministries that are part of the Cabinet Committee on Security (defence, home, finance and corporate affairs, external affairs) are almost certain to remain with the BJP.

The BJP is learnt to have decided to accommodate almost all potential allies with one Cabinet berth and one MoS to both Chirag Paswan's LJP (RV) and Eknath Shinde's Sena.

Jitan Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha could get the ministry of social justice while the JD(U) may get rural development, water resources or agriculture ministry.

Meanwhile, JD(U) leader K C Tyagi said his party has demanded for a review of the Agniveer scheme.

LEADERS OF SEVEN NATIONS GET INVITES

Invites have been sent to the heads of neighbouring countries to attend the ceremony. Presidents Ranil Wickremesinghe (Sri Lanka), Mohamed Muizzu (Maldives) and Wavel Ramkalawan (Seychelles) and prime ministers Sheikh Hasina (Bangladesh), Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' (Nepal), Tshering Tobgay (Bhutan) and Pravind Jugnauth (Mauritius) are on the list of invitees

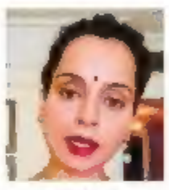
AIRPORT DRAMA

CISF constable 'slaps' Kangana for ryot stir jibe

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

BOLLYWOOD actor and BJP MP-elect Kangana Ranaut said on Thursday that she was slapped by a woman CISF constable during security check at the Chandigarh airport. Ranaut was at the boarding area of the airport to catch a Vistara flight to Delhi when CISF constable Kulwinder Kaur allegedly slapped her.

Sources said an argument broke out between the two during frisking over the actor's critical comments on the farmer protest. Kaur has been suspended and a case has been filed against her, sources said.



Screengrab of Kangana Ranaut's video message | PTI

"From what it appears, Kangana was slapped for her 'Khalistani' comments," said her close aide. Sources said Ranaut is likely to file a complaint with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

"A CISF woman constable hit me and abused me. When I asked her the reason, she said she supports farmers' protest. I am safe but the question is how do we handle terrorism in Punjab," Ranaut said in a video statement.

ST CORPN SCAM: MIN NAGENDRA RESIGNS

CM MUST RESIGN, SAYS BJP

BJP leaders marched from Vidhana Soudha to Raj Bhavan on Thursday demanding that the CM resign over the scam. The party will launch a protest across the state | P6

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE Congress, which rode to power on an anti-corruption plank, suffered its first casualty on Thursday when B Nagendra resigned as Scheduled Tribes Welfare Minister over the alleged misappropriation of funds in the ST development corporation.

Nagendra is alleged to have played an important role in the illegal transfer of Rs 187 crore from the corporation's bank accounts to some accounts of corporates in Hyderabad. He is alleged to have given "oral orders" to transfer the money.

Interestingly, he quit the cabinet the day BJP leaders marched from Vidhana Soudha to Raj Bhavan demanding that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the finance portfolio, resign owning moral responsibility for the scam in the corporation.

Maintaining his innocence Nagendra, who hails from Ballari, said, "I resigned as ST Welfare Minister to ensure an impartial probe into the allegation of financial irregularities in the corporation. Neither the CM nor the DCM directed me to resign." Nagendra met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday after his name figured in the FIR filed by the CBI, which has taken up a complaint by the Union Bank of India. On Thursday, he tendered his resignation and the letter was sent to the governor.

DCM DK Shivakumar, who rushed to Nagendra's rescue, said, "He is not involved in the scam. He resigned to save the party's and government's image and dignity." P6

9 trekkers' BODIES TO REACH BENGALURU TODAY

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who returned to Bengaluru from Uttarakhand with 13 survivors on Thursday evening, said the bodies of nine victims will be brought by commercial flights on Friday. Four bodies were recovered on Thursday morning and they were airlifted to Dehradun | P5

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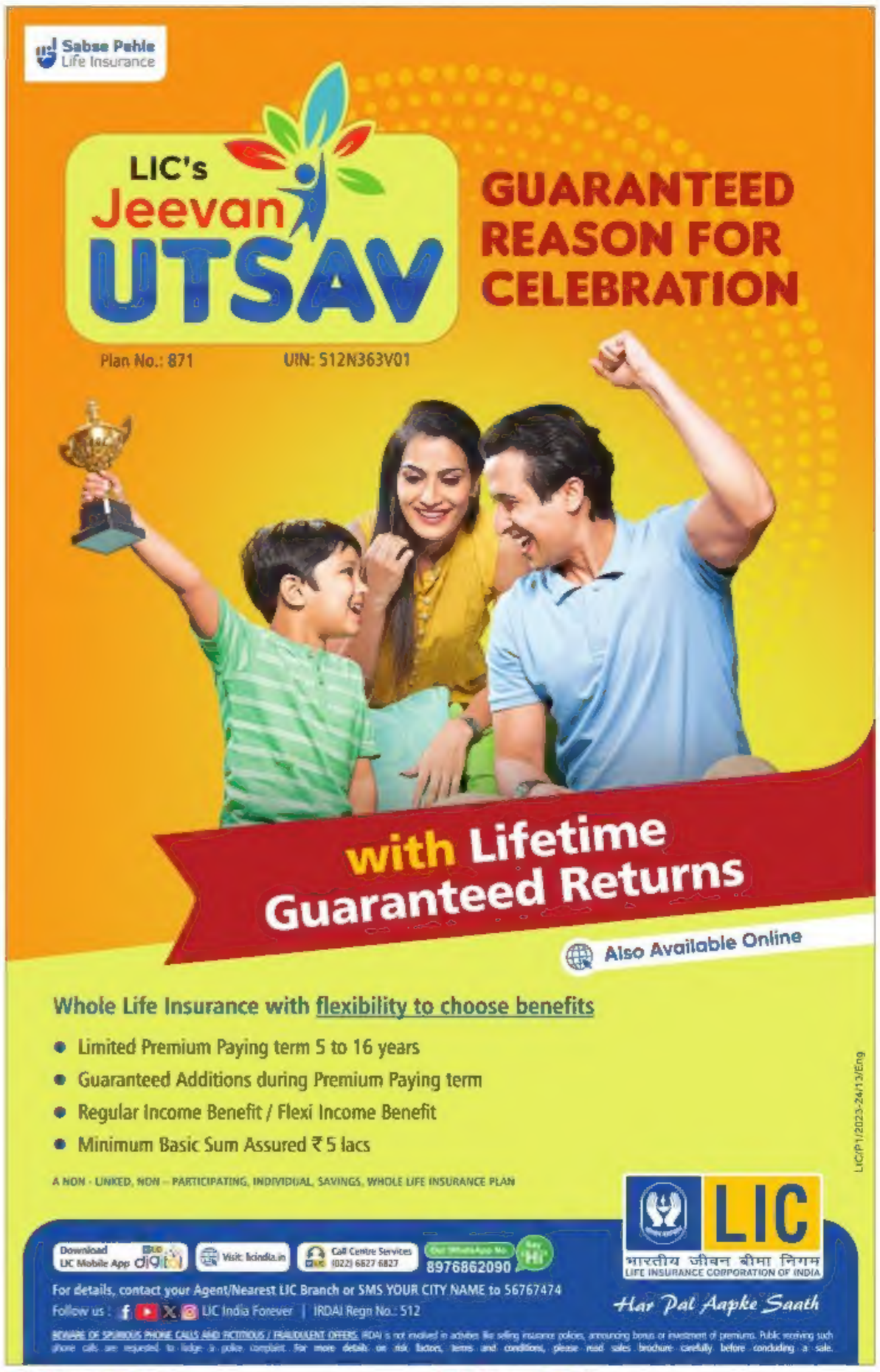
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